

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
July 17, 2017**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is as follows:

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman	Absent
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Absent
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:01 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of 06/19 /17. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Ms. Eve Crampton

7:11 **56A Berkshire Avenue - RDA** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the two trees in question that Ms. Crampton wishes to remove due to leaning and the roots of the trees appearing to come out of the ground. Both trees are approximately 5 to 10 feet from the lake. Ms. Crampton is concerned that the trees may fall into the lake and be more costly to remove. Coordinator Clark consulted with the Southwick Tree Warden who was of the opinion that both trees were healthy and not in imminent danger of falling. The Conservation Commissioners agreed to have Ms. Crampton obtain a written statement from an arborist stating that the trees are not healthy and do have the potential for falling into the lake. At that time an Emergency Certification will be issued for removal of the trees.

Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director
Ms. Jessica Roberts, Tighe & Bond

7:19 **Veteran Street - RDA** Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News. Mr. Brown stated that Veteran Street will be reconstructed due to a Community Block Grant. The reconstruction will mainly consist of widening the road to 20 feet, drainage, and water lines. Ms. Roberts explained that the design is based on a 100 year storm and would eliminate existing flooding on private property. Some discharge from Point Grove Road will be redirected and the water run-off will be treated before it enters North Pond. In total, there will be about 900 square feet of disturbance in the buffer zone. Construction will not begin until the spring of 2018. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director
Ms. Kate Wilkins, Tighe & Bond
Mr. Anthony Johnson, Eversource

7:27 **Route 10/202 - RDA** Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News. Ms. Wilkins explained the project as a maintenance program for electric wires and poles beginning at a substation in Blandford and going to the Connecticut line. Access roads will be used where available. The project is for Eversource to improve supply lines and to maintenance brush for better access to the lines. The Planning Board will be consulted relative to Town Owned right of ways. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

7:42 **15 North Pond Road - NOI** Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News. Mr. Goddard presented a plan for a reconstruction of a single family dwelling. The only work in the flood zone is a gravel walkway to the lake. Erosion will be contained by a double barrier and erosion control fabric. There will also be a dry well for roof runoff installed. Five trees outside of the buffer zone will be removed and the lawn will be seeded.

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the hearing at 7:50. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Soleimani made a motion to approve the project as presented with a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates
Mr. & Mrs. Jones

7:52 **86 Point Gorge Road - NOI** Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News. Mr. Goddard presented a plan showing the reconstruction of a stairway, deck, concrete paved patio with a roof. There may be a modest amount of excavating required to complete the project. A double barrier will be installed to help prevent soils from the disturbed area from washing into the lake. Coordinator Clark will do a site visit to measure the placement of the proposed dock, which will be removed by ice out date each year.

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the hearing at 8:01. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the project as presented with a \$5,000.00 bond considering the construction is basically landscaping. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul Fleury, Property Owner

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

8:05 **32 Sam West Road NOI (continued)** Mr. Goddard reported that the Police and Fire Department have reviewed the project. The DPW Department was concerned with the pitch of the piping for the water runoff. A yearly maintenance report will be submitted to the DPW. Mr. Goddard assured the Conservation Commission members that the soil absorption system will be installed and functioning correctly. There was a variance issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:12. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the project as presented with a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

92 Davis Road Coordinator Clark and Commissioner stated that the Conservation Commission does not have an actual enforcement order for a cease and desist. There is evidence of material being pushed into the brook near the culvert location. Coordinator Clark will issue a cease and desist without an enforcement order.

107 South Loomis Street – Enforcement Order The property owner was not in attendance and is now in violation of the Enforcement Order.

146 South Loomis Street – Wetland Violation The property owner was issued another certified letter stating the July 17th time line for submitting a restoration plan has passed. The letter included potential fine amounts, and a request to contact Coordinator Clark.

8 Charles Johnson Road – Potential Violation Coordinator Clark stated that the property owner was still in process of correcting the violation.

642 College Highway – Potential Violation Coordinator Clark stated that there has been no activity at the site since the last meeting.

Status Reports:

- 27 Eagle Street – no change
- 5 Kline Road – no change
- 25 Industrial Road – requested a partial release of the bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to release \$5,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 bond. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.
- 2 Iroquois Drive – partial bond release - \$7,500.00
- 2 Two State Avenue – no change
- 107 Point Grove Road – no change
- 48 Sheep Pasture Road – no change

2 Wintergreen Circle – Certificate of Compliance Chairman Pratt made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance just for this one address in the Laurel Ridge subdivision. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously,

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman

Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner

Frank Soleimani, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Date